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## Letter to the Editor

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan, Editor
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Appomattox, Virginia 24522

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

I have always known that the folks belonging to the Appomattox County Extension Homemaker Clubs are the best. My past and present associations with them only confirm the fact that these women not only possess love, compassion, thoughtfulness and devotion, they also are willing to share these traits with others.

My heart was deeply moved last week when I received rememberances from the Appomattox County Homemaker Clubs - some from individual members, others from Homemaker Clubs as a group. It was like Christmas all over again. The multitude of gifts were lovely and most useful.

Our Appomattox County folks are great and the Appomattox County Extension Homemaker Club women are the greatest. I will never forget, nor be able to thank them enough for their thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Ella S. Anderson
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## Who's Who In American Junior Colleges

Dr. Roscoe L. Strickland, Jr., President of Southern Seminary Junior College, Buena Vista, has announced the nomination and approval of seven senior students for **Who's Who Among Students in America Junior Colleges:** they are, left to right above, Judy Imhoff of Scotch Plains, NJ; LesLee Nickerson of Newport News; Vicki Moore of Gladstone; seated, Debby Broad of Newport News; Pamela Follett of Westhampton Beach, NY; Melissa Hefner of Roanoke; and Laura Valz of Staunton.

Vicki Moore, a major in Home Economics, is a Dean's List student of three semesters. She is secretary of the Executive Council. Vicki is a member of the Community Services Organization and the Photography Club. This fall she tutored students at an elementary school. She plans to continue her education and to be involved in community service.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Moore of Gladstone.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor
Of The **Times-Virginian**

I just wanted to publicly thank the Appomattox County Rescue Squad for the invaluable service they have rendered me. I have had to call on them twice since I have become a Virginian (I'm a transplanted Texan).

The first time was in 1971, when I awoke one night and found that I was completely paralized from a disease which I am still suffering from. The second time was just about three weeks ago, when an operation that I had had earlier began bleeding internally and would not stop. Had it not been for these wonderful men and their quick response in answering my calls, I would have surely died.

I would like very much to name names, but I am refraining from doing so because it may hurt the feelings of those who would have done the same, but just didn't have the opportunity.

Members of the Appomattox Rescue Squad I thank you from the bottom of my heart. How wonderful you must feel whenever you reflect upon the many people like me who owes their very life to you. Again I thank you.

Cordially,
Paul A. Hout

## Youth Association

The Appomattox County Youth Association met Thurs., Feb. 13. Officers were elected for the new year. They are: President, Fred Weakly; Executive Vice-President, Billy Chenault; Vice-President Babe Ruth Baseball, Albert Harvey; Vice-President Major League Dixie Youth Baseball, Sammy Carter; Vice-President Minor League Dixie Youth Baseball, Nelson Mann; Vice-President Football, Jimmy Mayberry; Vice-President Basketball, Billy Thompson, Treasurer, June Chenault; Secretary, Dick Smith.

Registration for all baseball groups will be held March 1 and March 8. Registration will be held at the following places from 10:00 a.m. to 12: noon. Oakville School, Pamplin Ballpark, and the W.O.W. Ball Field. The cost of registration is $3.00. All new players must bring a photostatic copy of their birth certificate. Ages are 8 through 15. **All players who have not yet turned in their uniforms must bring their uniforms to one of the registration places, March 1.**

The next meeting of the Youth Association will be held on **Wed., March 12** at 7:30 p.m. at the Fidelity National Bank, Hillcrest Branch (**Note change in night, from Thursday to Wednesday.**] All coaches are asked to bring their uniforms in for surveying. A list of all equipment should also be brought in to determine if any new equipment is needed.

All workers in the youth program, please attend this meeting to plan for the coming year. Anyone interested in coaching, umpiring, or helping with the concession stand or the field upkeep, is encouraged to attend this meeting. As our league is expanding we need more people to help with our youth. If you can help in the youth program in any way, please attend.

## Father Darkleaf

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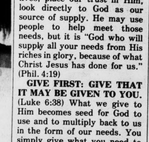
rings, as it does constantly, the answer is not "hello" but "May I help You?" Good point there . . . and there are so very many good people who are anxious to help . . . to help you, to help Appomattox, to help America. We'll make it. Betcha, and thanks for reading. Seeya next week.




## The Pastor Speaks

*"Seed-Faith"*

This past summer, we had the privilege of hearing Oral Roberts speak at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. What he said made a lot of sense to me, he simply calls it "seed-faith living," and there are three principles which are found in Scripture are often referred to as seed-faith principles or eternal laws through which are found in Scripture are often referred to as seed-faith living," and there are three principles which are found in Scripture are often referred to as seed-faith principles or eternal laws through which God seems to work.

1. **GOD IS OUR SOURCE.** The Korean Creed states, "we believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, Father of all men, the **source** of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love . . . He controls all sources of supply. His unlimited resources are ours when we apply this first principle to our lives, place our trust in Him, look directly to God as our source of supply. He may use people to help meet those needs, but it is "God who will supply all your needs from His riches in glory, because of what Christ Jesus has done for us." (Phil. 4:19)

**GIVE FIRST: GIVE THAT IT MAY BE GIVEN TO YOU.** (Luke 6:38) What we give to Him becomes seed for God to use and to multiply back to us in the form of our needs. You simply give what you need to receive. Like the little boy who gave his lunch to Jesus that day, it was taken, blessed, multiplied, and used to feed 5,000 people. To receive love, for example, you need to give love. It works.

3. **EXPECT A MIRACLE.** When a person puts God first in his life, when we get our eyes on the Source of our total supply, when we give some part of ourselves as seed, then our minds, through faith, can be opened to God's eternal law that from the seed we sow, we can expect miracles. (Mark 11:24). Those who receive are those who expect things to happen when they ask. That is why Christians keep on asking, keep on seeking, and keep on knocking. We have been promised that everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks doors will be opened. (Luke 11:9ff).

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## The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, February 23, 1975
Topic: Living in Hope
Scripture: Romans 5:1-5; 8:18-30; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3; 1 John 3:1-3; Rev. 21:1-7

*Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.* 1 Peter 3:15.

General Lee once said that it is history which teaches us to hope. This is particularly true of the believer's hope, which is founded upon Christ, who lived, died, and rose from the dead. God has fulfilled His promises in the past, and this record of fulfillment justifies the believer's hope that He will fulfill His promises in the future.

Hope is a motivating characteristic in the human experience. It is not limited to believers. Only those who surrender to total despair have no hope. Perhaps the most common hope is that tomorrow will be better for us than today. The hope which an individual has helps to mold what he becomes and influences the type and quality of life he lives.

Hope has significance not only for the future but also for the present. What a person hopes for a year hence, a quarter-century from now, and, in the scope of the believer's hope, after death has ended this mortal life influences the way he lives and what he does today. Hope, then, is more than a vague optimism about a better tomorrow. Hope expresses and encompasses the purpose of life.

Natural hope may be concerned primarily with self or family or friends. The believer's hope goes beyond such limitations and includes all mankind within its scope. There are two great objects of the believer's hope: one, in Paul's phrase, "our hope of sharing the glory of God"; the other, the triumph of God's will in the world.

"Sharing the glory of God" is eternal life in company and fellowship with God. We hope it for ourselves and our loved ones, and we hope it also for all people, for the believer realizes that it is not God's will that any should perish and that loving God includes the doing of His will, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer. Hope that God's will will triumph in the world not only honors God and identifies the believer with His purpose but it also looks to the one real hope of achieving a truly good world in the moral sense. The realization of such a hope is for mankind's benefit and blessing. A truly good world in the moral sense would indeed be a new earth as John pictured in the Revelation.

The believer's hope is not simply a Christian coloration to a natural hope. Hope in God is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Man has nothing of his own on which to base hope in God, as he may in the case of natural hope. Like other gifts of the Spirit, this hope is to be cultivated. Paul exhorts believers to "rejoice in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us." So what may seem the opposite of the object of hope, suffering, is really a factor in cultivating hope in God.

That suffering is a first step in the cultivation of hope is one of the paradoxes of the Christian faith. It seems as unreal as the truth that he would save his life will lose it and he who would lose his life in the service of Christ will save it. Yet these paradoxes reveal how poorly the natural mind understands the true nature of life and how little it knows of the basic facts of life.

Paul linked hope with faith and love as the enduring qualities of the believer. Hope is founded upon faith and in turn nourishes faith, for the believer finds great joy and assurance in hope. Hope in God is hope for all mankind, the sort of hope which comes only from love. Faith in God is response to God's love, and since God's love extends to all, those who acknowledge Him in faith include those whom God loves within the circle of their love. Faith, hope, and love not only abide, they are indissolubly linked together and find expression in Christian living. Christian living is living in hope, the hope that Christ will continue to work in [illegible] even as he lives in the [illegible] Christ has accomp[illegible] work of salvation [illegible] believer.

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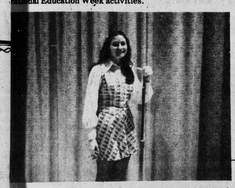
[illegible], Feb. 9-15, has been Vocational Education Week at [illegible]pomattox County High School. The Future [illegible]ers of America are just one of the many clubs at [illegible]rticipating in this week's activities.
FHA planned daily events throughout the entire week. [illegible]s, and teachers together enjoyed the week's activities. [illegible] 11, 1975 some of our FHA officers and members stayed [illegible] Tuesday, to give the faculty a tea. Many members [illegible]ently stayed after school and enjoyed the refreshments.
[illegible] above are members and officers who served at the tea: [illegible] to right, Cindy Guill, Kaye Chernault, Robin Tomlin, [illegible] Giles, Janet Fitzgerald and Mrs. Florence Hix, an office [illegible]ry at ACHS.
[illegible]tea was enjoyed by the faculty and members of the [illegible] club. This event was one of the club's 'high-lights' for [illegible]ational Education Week activities.



[illegible]a Varner was Mistress of Ceremonies at the all-school [illegible]ly at ACHS week.

[illegible] Giles, Jan Stanley, Cindy Guill, Teresa Cyrus, and [illegible] Tomlin are shown above at a Valentine party they gave [illegible]students at the Appomattox Elementary School.

[illegible]cipating in the all-school assembly last week in [illegible]ence of Vocational Education Week, shown above, were [illegible] Franklin, Teresa Harris, Teresa Almond, Sandy [illegible], Holly Franklin, Janet Fitzgerald, Pam O'Brien, [illegible] Giles, Cindy Guill, Laura Shorter, and Robin Tomlin.

## ACHS Observes Vo-Ed Week

[illegible] Appomattox Senior [illegible] Future Homemakers [illegible] of America observed Vocational [illegible] Week, Feb. 9-15.

[illegible] by a member spoke on [illegible] radio station, WTTX, [illegible] the activities for the [illegible] and the various aspects of [illegible].

[illegible] Monday the chapter was [illegible] a good start with the final [illegible] details being taken [illegible] of as bulletin boards, a [illegible]play case, posters and [illegible] in the paper. Tuesday a [illegible] was held after school for the [illegible]ty in the home economics [illegible]partment and the role it [illegible] in Vocational Education [illegible]k. Wednesday the Future [illegible]homemakers of America spon[illegible]ed an all school assembly in which most of the Vocational clubs participated with skits showing the purposes of their club. This way each club had a chance to show the entire body the involvement they have in the school and community. Thursday the Welfare Committee went to the Primary School and gave a party for some of the children. Friday some girls working on their State Degree went to the Elementary School and gave a Valentine Party for some young boys and girls. These girls are taking children as a project for their State Degree.

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Teresa Cyrus, Reporter

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